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REPORTS OF JEWISH ACTIVITIES IN THE MOTHER CITY

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YOUNG JUDEAN ANNIVERSARY.

The Capetown Young Judean organisations celebrated their fifth anniversary at the Zionist Hall on Saturday evening, 15th inst. Mr. Miller presided. On behalf of the Young Judean branches he extended a warm welcome to the large gathering of members and friends. A letter was read from the patron, Rev. A. P. Bender, who congratulated the societies on their progress, and regretted his inability to be present. Mr. Miller traced the development of the Young Israel movement at the Cape during the past five years. Since the foundation of the Young Judean Society in Capetown, branches have spread out and the membership has increased appreciably. The good national and religious work of the juniors was made possible by the generous support they received from the seniors. Young Judeans had on various occasions participated in big national meetings organised by the senior societies. School parades were held regularly and the members were all inspired with a knowledge of their duties and obligations.

A lively musical programme followed. Little Nita Clouts gave a Dutch dance, Max Malan sang, and S. M. Weinreich, R. Rosenberg and A. Rosenberg took part in a short play, "Almost a Tragedy." Ray Kirsch and Freda Fernandez (pupils of Miss Pearl Lazarus) danced, and there was a group dance by members of the Orangezicht Young Judeans.

Mr. Miller announced that as a gift of appreciation, the names of Mr. K. Hoffman and Mr. J. Simenhoff, the founders of the Young Judean Organisation, were inscribed in the Book of Service.

Mr. Hoffman expressed his appreciation of the work of the youngsters and said that he was glad to see the young society serving as a training centre for future Zionist workers. Mr. J. Simenhoff thanked the Young Judeans for the honour they had done him and said that he would continue to watch with interest their future progress.

Miss H. Suchedowitz, vice-president of the Judean Central Council, thanked the Young Judeans for their active co-operation with Council, and proposed the toast of the juniors. To this, Miss A. Joffe replied. Mr. Isaac Rosier proposed the toast of the seniors, and Mr. J. Weinreich replied aptly. Mr. S. Levine, in a bright and witty little speech, proposed the toast of the "youthful" supervisors. Mr. Herzl Zuckerman replied with the wisdom of age.

Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable evening was spent. A box of chocolates, sold by American auction, realised over £5.

THE "SONG OF SONGS."

A lecture on the "Song of Songs" was delivered recently by Mr. M. Ben-Arie to members of the Capetown Hebrew Circle.

Mr. Ben-Arie said that the "Song of Songs" differed from most of the books of the Bible in that it was difficult to define with what object it had been written. He told how it had been rescued by Rabbi Akiba from non-inclusion in the Holy Scriptures.

As its name implied, the book was probably a collection of folk-songs to which various allegorical interpretations had been given.

The theme of the book was love. Its beauty lay in its undeveloped primitiveness and its similes drawn from nature. The Jews, masters in the art of expression, had here concentrated on the triple theme of spring, youth and love and the book had the same appeal for us today as it had for the Jews of the time in which it was written.

A lively discussion followed the lecture and a vote of thanks to the lecturer brought the meeting to a close.

A SUCCESSFUL BALL.

A very successful ball in aid of the Woodstock and Salt River Talmud Torah took place in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening last. There was a large gathering present, and dancing

took place till 1 a.m., to the strains of Norrie Sowman and His Revellers Orchestra. The hall was very gaily decorated and great care had been taken with the catering arrangements.

From all appearances, the Woodstock and Salt River Talmud Torah should be well satisfied with the results of the ball.

JEWISH CHARITIES.

An address by Mr. J. Carasov, Secretary of the Cape Jewish Board of Guardians, was delivered last week at the Toc H. Lunch Club.

Mr. Carasov traced the growth of the Board of Guardians. He pointed out that although this charitable organisation was entitled to claim subsidies from the Government, the Province and the Municipality, it held that the care of the Jewish poor was its own concern. Charity was one of the cardinal points of Jewish faith, and the Jewish people were entirely self-supporting in their charity.

To-day, Jewish charities were in a bad way financially, every institution being in need of funds.

The speaker added that although the Jews were hard pressed to deal with the poverty among their own people, they still found time to do their share for the poor of other creeds, not only with regard to funds, but in the way of personal service. He paid a special tribute to Rev. A. P. Bender, who has assisted countless numbers of the poor in Capetown.

BNOth ZION CONCERT.

A concert under the auspices of the Bnoth Zion Association took place in the Zionist Hall last Sunday night. A very good programme had been arranged, which included the following artists: Miss L. Gelb (cello solo); Mr. Boris Rome (song); pupils of Miriam and Elvira Kirsch School of Dancing; Mr. M. Losman (recitation); Miss R. Cohen (song). During the evening a sketch, "Shopping a Hoot Mit Mein Wibe," was very successfully staged by Messrs. M. and E. Natas, and several very charming items were given by the children of the Hebrew Kindergarten.

KADIMAH ASSOCIATION.

An address, in which he gave his impressions of the Zionist Congress and of his visit to Palestine and Europe, was delivered by Mr. B. Padowich at the Annual General Meeting of the Kadimah Association last week.

Speaking of Arab-Jewish relations in Palestine, Mr. Padowich said that as far as he could see, the attitude of the Arab masses towards the Zionist movement was a sympathetic one. It was only a comparatively small group—the Arab intelligentsia—which raised opposition and which attempted to incense the masses.

The economic position in Eastern Europe was more than serious, and it could be said that the economic position of the Yishub, bad though it was, was decidedly better than that of Eastern Europe. Palestine was well on the way to becoming a National Home. Now was a period of trial but success was assured if Jewry the world over gave of its support to the cause in the same measure as the Yishub was giving.

Mr. Z. Avin, President of the Association, was in the chair. He reported on the work done during the year, pointing out that most of the functions held had been very successful. He hoped that the committee during the coming session would continue to concentrate on its work for the working Palestine, and on a study of the history of Zionism, Hebrew Literature and Jewish History.

The new committee elected during the evening consists of Misses A. Potash, P. Levinsohn and Kluk, and Messrs. Smarkowitz, Z. Avin, W. Sorokin and Gluch.

GENERAL.

Condolences are being expressed with Mrs. Sol Schach, an active communal worker, on the death of her brother, Mr. Joseph Lazarus, which took place at Oudtshoorn.